

### Claim Amendments

1. (Currently Amended) A locking lamp base and socket comprising:

- a lamp base;
- a plurality of contact pins connected to said lamp base extending from a surface;
- a bridge extending between pairs of said plurality of contact pins;
- a gap formed between the surface of said lamp base and said bridge;
- a socket;
- an opening in said socket adapted to receive said plurality of contact pins and said bridge; and
- a locking land ~~associated with~~ in said socket ~~and~~ adapted to ~~selectively~~ extend into said gap,

whereby when said locking land extends into said gap, relative axial movement between said lamp base and said socket is prevented.

17. (Currently Amended) A lamp assembly adapted to be locked within a lamp socket comprising:

- a lamp;

a lamp base having a surface, said lamp base attached to an end of said lamp;

a plurality of contact pins connected to said lamp base and extending from the surface; and

a bridge extending between pairs of said plurality of contact pins over the surface forming a gap between said bridge and the surface,

whereby a portion of the lamp socket is capable of ~~selectively~~ extending under the gap preventing relative axial movement between said lamp base and the lamp socket.